

V. COMMERCIAL:

Stenography, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Penmanship.

VI. CONCERTS AND LECTURES.

The Summer School should be made permanent, and a special appropriation of at least \$2,500 made for its support. By this means tuition might be furnished free to public school teachers. The Summer School is doing a very great work; not only by inspiring teachers with enthusiasm and increasing their general culture and education, but especially by promoting the teaching of agriculture and nature study in the public schools and arousing interest in studies relating to farm life.

AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION.

Since the College was placed under the control of the State Board of Agriculture, special efforts have been made to improve and extend its work in agricultural instruction. The following facilities are now offered for the promotion of agricultural education: A complete four years' course of agricultural instruction, with general culture in language, literature, science and mathematics, as well as special culture in all lines of agriculture; a two years' course, devoted mainly to practical instruction in agriculture; a winter course in dairying and agriculture, for actual farmers and farm boys and girls; a summer school of agriculture, nature study and manual training for rural school teachers and farm boys and girls; rural science and biological clubs, among the students, for study and discussion of farm problems; two thousand dollars annually to pay for student labor on the farm; prizes for agricultural students winning the most money by agricultural work during the year; special prizes for work along special agricultural lines; an annual State Farmers' Convention.

These efforts have been very successful. The number of students has increased in four years from seventeen to one hundred and forty.

The College recognizes agriculture as the chief interest of our people, and agricultural life as the foundation of human health, character and civilization.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

The new agricultural building is now in process of construction. The corner-stone will be laid January 13th by the Grand Lodge of Masons, and the building will be ready for use at the opening of the next college session. All the land opposite the State Fair Grounds has been purchased, and sufficient land is now available for a splendid agricultural equipment. This is probably the greatest step forward yet taken for the development of the College. It assures proper foundations for a great agricultural college, with grounds stretching